

## **Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee**

**Thursday, July 14, 2011**

Chair Brandtjen called the meeting to order at 1:00 .m.

**Present:** Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, Gilbert Yerke, Mike Inda, Peter Wolff, and Pauline Jaske. **Absent:** Kathleen Cummings.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Board Chair Dennis Farrell, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Aging & Disability Resource Center Manager Cathy Bellovary, Aging & Disability Resource Center Specialist Judy Roehm, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, Accounting Services Coordinator Cynthia Lilley, County Board Chair Jim Dwyer, and Senior Financial Analysts Clara Daniels and Bill Duckwitz. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Approve Minutes of 6-16-11**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of June 16. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Review Correspondence**

Brandtjen advised of the following correspondence.

- Information on local SHOW (Survey of the Health of Wisconsin) activities.

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

The Community Development Block Grant Board finished their review process and are waiting to learn the extent of federal funding cuts, anticipated anywhere from 10% to 16%.

### **Chair's Executive Committee Report of 6-20-11**

Brandtjen highlighted the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved the ordinances and appointments that were included in the last set of County Board referrals.
- Heard a report on the Central Fleet audit.

### **Schedule Next Meeting Dates**

- August 11 (combined with the Health & Human Services Board)

### **State Legislative Update**

Spaeth said the State is trying to pass through their redistricting map. The State wants their maps done now and we will have to base our maps off theirs. Current law states counties and municipalities are to develop their maps first. Spaeth was in Madison where she expressed the County's concerns. The Legislature, for the most part, is on summer break and will be back in session in September.

### **Educational Presentation on Specialized Transportation**

Bellovary, Roehm, and Schuler were present to discuss this item. Copies of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) brochure, eligibility application, and 2011 fares for the Taxi and Rideline specialized transportation programs were distributed for informational purposes. Said handouts included information on eligibility requirements, application process, areas served, 2011 fares, advance reservations, and service availability. Bellovary distributed copies of “Find a Ride in Waukesha County – Transportation Options in Waukesha County, 2010”, a 45-page guide designed to help residents locate transportation options to best suit their needs.

The Taxi Program is for Waukesha County residents who are non or limited drivers, age 65 years or older, and able to enter an automobile with little or no assistance. It is also available to County residents who are non-drivers between 18 and 65 and are able to enter or exit an automobile with little or no assistance and receive either SSI or SSDI benefits.

The Rideline Program is for Waukesha County residents who are non or limited drivers age 65 years of older, unable to enter or exit an automobile and require an accessible vehicle or have no taxi service in their community or need to travel outside of the taxi service area. It is also available to County residents who are non-drivers under the age of 65 years, are unable to enter or exit an automobile, use a wheelchair, scooter, cane, walker, or crutches, or are legally blind. Service to Milwaukee County is available but only for second opinions, consultations, or service not duplicated in Waukesha County with prior approval.

The fare for the Taxi Program is \$3.50 of the fare plus any amount over \$9 for cardholders in the Shared-Fare Taxi Program. Fares for Rideline range from \$3.50 to \$17.00 for a one-way trip which depends on destination (destination within same community, community to community, and out-of-county). Staff displayed a map showing the various routes.

### **2010 Year-End Budget Report for the Department of Health & Human Services**

Kutz, Schuler, Maurer, Lilley, Daniels, and Duckwitz were present to discuss this item as outlined in the report. The four Health & Human Services special revenue funds combined resulted in a favorable overall variance from the 2010 modified budget by \$3,320,000 or 5.9%. Staff reviewed budget figures for the department’s four general funds, all of which showed a favorable budget variance at year-end totaling \$902,000. Staff discussed each of the fund narratives as outlined.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Yerke to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary